



Kennewick silt Loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes. \$T1This very deep, well drained soil is on terraces. It formed in Lacustrine deposits. The native vegetation is mainly grasses and shrubs. Elevation is \$50 to \$1,400 feet. The average annual precipitation is about 7 inches, the average annual temperature is about \$351 degrees F, and the average frost-free season is about \$350 days.

\$101Typically, the surface layer is very pale brown silt loam 388

INCHES THICK. THE SUBSTRATUM TO A DEPTH OF 60 INCHES OR MORE IS

VERY PINE SAMPY LOAM.

VERY PALE BROWN SILT LOAM AND FINE STRATA OF SILT. THE SOIL IS

CALCAREOUS THROUGHOUT.

\$101Permeability of this Kennewick soil is moderately slow.

Available water capacity is high. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is moderate. The hazard of soil blowing is moderate.

\$101Included in this unit is about 20 percent Kennewick fine sandy Loam, Hahluke very fine sandy Loam, Warden silt Loam, Sagemoor silt Loam, soils that have a hardpan at a depth of 20 to 60 and theres. Kennewick soils that have slopes of more than 10 percent, and soils adjacent to Royal City that do not have a stratified bubstratum and are moderately permeable.

\$101THIS UNIT IS USED FOR IRRIGATED CULTIVATED CROPS, HAY, AND PASTURE AND AS HOMESITES AND RANGELAND.

\$1011F THIS UNIT IS USED FOR IRRIGATED CROPS, THE MAIN
LIMITATATIONS ARE THE HAZARDS OF WATER EROSION AND SOIL BLOWING
AND STEEPNESS OF SLOPE. MANY KINDS OF CROPS, SUCH AS SMALL GRAIN,
SUGAR BEETS, POTATOES, BEANS, CORN, ALFALFA, GRASSES, AND PEAS,
CAN BE GROWN UNDER IRRIGATION.

\$101Sprinkler, drip, or trickle irrigation is best suited to this unit because of the steepness of slope. Sprinkler irrigation systems should be managed to avoid excessive water application rates, which cause puddling, impair aeration, and reduce the water intake rate. When growing row crops, pitting or forming small basins between the rows reduces runoff and water erosion. Returning crop residue to the soil and chiseling, when needed, increase the water intake rate. Minimum tillage helps to maintain the tilth of the surface layer, increases the water intake rate, and reduces water erosion.

\$101Using a cropping system that includes close-growing, high-residue crops in the rotation and maintaining crop residue on the surface reduce erosion. Winter cover crops protect the soil from erosion. If maintained on the surface, residue from these crops reduces soil blowing in spring. Soil blowing is also reduced by practicing minimum tillage, which reduces pulverization of the soil. Land smoothing operations that include deep cuts can expose the calcareous substratum.

\$101The potential plant community on this unit is mainly winterfat, Sandberg bluegrass, and spiny hopsage. If the range is overgrazed, the proportion of preferred forage plants such as winterfat, Sandberg bluegrass, and bluebunch wheaterass decreases and the proportion of less preferred forage plants such as spiny hopsage, cheaterass, and big sagebrush increases. Areas that are heavily infested with undesirable shrubs can be improved by such methods as railing, chaining, beating, and chemical treatment.

\$101This unit is suited to rangeland seeding. The main limitations for seeding are the Low annual precipitation

AND THE HAZARD OF SOIL BLOWING. PROPER TIMING OF SEEDING IS CRITICAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEEDLINGS. THE UNIT CAN BE SEEDED TO ADAPTED GRASSES.

\$101This unit is well suited to homesite development. Dustiness can be a problem on large construction sites; therefore, these sites should be disturbed as little as possible. Mulching, fertilization, and irrigation are needed to establish Lawn grasses and other small plants.

\$101THE MAIN LIMITATION FOR SEPTIC TANK BACKFILL FOR THE TRENCH AND LONG ABSORPTION LINES HELPS TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS LIMITATION.

\$101THIS MAP UNIT IS IN CAPABILITY SUBCLASSES IIIE, IRRIGATED, AND VIE, NONIRRIGATED.

Outney Loamy fine Sand, 0 to 15 percent slopes. \$T1This very deep, somewhat excessively drained soil is on terraces and dunes. It formed in Sand derived from mixed sources. The native vegetation is mainly grasses and shrubs. Elevation is to feet. The average annual precipitation is about 7 inches, the average annual temperature is about 52 degrees F, and the average frost-free season is about \$\frac{1}{120}\$ days.

TYPICALLY, THE SURFACE LAYER IS GRAYISH BROWN LOAMY FINE SAND 4 INCHES THICK. THE UPPER PART OF THE UNDERLYING MATERIAL IS LIGHT BROWNISH GRAY LOAMY FINE SAND 46 INCHES THICK. THE LOWER PART TO A DEPTH OF 60 INCHES OR MORE IS LIGHT BROWNISH GRAY FINE SAND.

\$101Permeability of this Quincy soil is rapid. Available water capacity is low. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. Runoff is slow, and the hazard of water erosion is slight. The hazard of soil blowing is high.

\$101Included in this unit is about 25 percent Hezel Loamy fine sand, Royal Loamy fine sand, Timmerman Loamy sand, Quincy fine sand, Burbank Loamy fine sand, and Quincy soils that have slopes of more than 15 percent.

\$101THIS UNIT IS USED FOR IRRIGATED CROPS, RANGELAND, IRRIGATED HAY AND PASTURE, AND HOMESITES.

\$1011f THIS UNIT IS USED FOR IRRIGATED CROPS, THE MAIN LIMITATIONS ARE STEEPNESS OF SLOPE, THE LOW AVAILABLE WATER CAPACITY, AND THE HAZARD OF SOIL BLOWING. THE MAIN IRRIGATED CROPS ARE POTATOES, CORN, SMALL GRAIN, ALFALFA, AND GRASSES.

\$101Sprinkler, drip, or trickle irrigation is suited to this unit, Because of the Low available water capacity, most crops need frequent, light applications of water. Land smoothing operations

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THAT INCLUDE DEEP CUTS ARE FEASIBLE ON THIS UNIT.

\$1010sing a cropping system that includes close-growing.

High-residue crops in the rotation and maintaining crop residue on the surface reduce erosion. Winter cover crops also protect the soil from erosion. If maintained on the surface, residue from these crops reduces soil blowing in spring. Soil blowing is also reduced by practicing minimum tillage, which reduces pulverization of the soil.

\$101The potential plant community on this unit is mainly needleandthread, Indian ricegrass, Sandberg bluegrass, bluefunch wheaterase and big sagebrush. The production of forage is limited by the low available water capacity. If the range is overgrazed, the proportion of preferred forage plants such as needleandthread decreases and the proportion of less preferred forage plants such as rabbitbrush and cheatgrass increases. Areas that are heavily infested with undesirable shrubs can be improved by such methods as railing, chaining, beating, and chemical treatment. Seeding on this unit generally is not practical because of the hazard of soil blowing, the low annual precipitation, and the low available water capacity.

\$101This unit is well suited to homesite development. Soil blowing can be a problem on construction sites. Cutbanks are not stable and are subject to caving in. Mulching, fertilization, and irrigation are needed to establish lawn grasses and other small plants.

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NEARBY WATER SUPPLIES.

\$101THIS MAP UNIT IS IN CAPABILITY SUBCLASSES IVE, IRRIGATED, AND VIIE, NONIRRIGATED.

\$11THIS VERY DEEP, WELL DRAINED SOIL IS ON TERRACES. IT FORMED IN LACUSTRINE DEPOSITS THAT HAVE A MANTLE OF LOESS. THE NATIVE VEGETATION IS MAINLY GRASSES AND SHRUBS. ELEVATION IS 600 TO 1,300 FEET. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PRECIPITATION IS ABOUT 7 INCHES, THE AVERAGE ANNUAL TEMPERATURE IS ABOUT 20 DEGREES F, AND THE AVERAGE FROST-FREE SEASON IS ABOUT 20 DAYS.

\$101Typically, the surface layer is brown very fine sandy loam \$6 inches thick. The substratum to a depth of 60 inches or more is pale brown and light brown and gray fine sandy loam. The soil is calcareous in the substratum. The soil is calcareous in the substratum.

\$101Permeability of this Sagehill soil is moderate. Available water capacity is high. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. Runoff is slow, and the hazard of water erosion is slight. The hazard of soil blowing is moderate.

\$1011 NCLUDED IN THIS UNIT IS ABOUT 20 PERCENT WARDEN SELFTON,
ROYAL VERY FINE SANDY LOAM, KENNEWICK STRE SANDY LOAM, QUINCY
LOAMY FINE SAND, HEZEL LOAMY FINE SAND, AND SAGEHILL SOILS THAT
HAVE SLOPES OF MORE THAN 2 PERCENT.

\$101THIS UNIT IS USED FOR IRRIGATED CULTIVATED CROPS, HAY, AND PASTURE.

\$1011F THIS UNIT IS USED FOR IRRIGATED CROPS, THE MAIN LIMITATION IS THE HAZARD OF SOIL BLOWING. MANY KINDS OF CROPS, SUCH AS SMALL GRAIN, SUGAR BEETS, POTATOES, BEANS, CORN, ALFALFA, GRASSES, AND PEAS, CAN BE GROWN UNDER IRRIGATION.

\$101Furrow, corrugation, trickle, drip, or sprinkler irrigation systems systems are suited to this unit. Sprinkler irrigation systems should be managed to avoid excessive water application rates, which cause puddling, impair aeration, and reduce the water intake rate. Returning crop residue to the soil and chiseling, when needed, increase the water intake rate. Minimum tillage, which helps to maintain the tilth of the surface layer increases the water intake rate.

\$101Using a cropping system that includes close-growing, High-residue crops in the rotation and maintaining crop residue on the surface reduce soil blowing. Winter cover crops also protect the soil from erosion. If maintained on the surface, residue from these crops reduces soil blowing in spring. Soil blowing is also reduced by practicing minimum tillage, which reduces pulverization of the soil. Land smoothing operations that include deep cuts can expose the calcareous substratum.

\$101THIS MAP UNIT IS IN CAPABILITY SUBCLASS IIE, IRRIGATED.

SAGEHILL VERY FINE SANDY LOAM, 2 TO 5 PERCENT SLOPES.

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GRASSES, AND PEAS, CAN BE GROWN UNDER IRRIGATION.

\$101Furrow, corrugation, trickle, drip, or sprinkler irrigation systems are suited to this unit. Ccrrugation irrigation is suited to close-growing crops. If furrow or corrugation irrigation is used, tilling the soil before applying irrigation water can increase the water intake rate; however, it also can increase the risk of erosion. Erosion can be minimized by reducing the size of the irrigation stream. Sprinkler irrigation systems should be managed to avoid excessive water application rates, which cause puddling, impair aeration, and reduce the water intake rate. Returning crop residue to the soil and chiseling, when needed, increase the water intake rate.

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drained soil is on terraces. It formed in alluvium.

The native vegetation is mainly grasses, forbs, and shrubs. Elevation

is 600 to 1,300 feet. The average annual precipitation is 6 to 9 inches,

the average annual air temperature is about 50 degrees F, and the average

frost-free season is 180 days.

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SAGEHILL, GRAVELLY SUBSTRATUM, NEPPEL 501LS, \$101Included in this unit are small areas of Secondary, Secon, and Burke AND ROYAL Soils.

\$101Permeability of this Finley soil is moderately rapid above the substratum and very rapid through it. Available water capacity is moderate. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. Runoff is very slow, and the hazard of water erosion is slight.

\$101This unit is used for irrigated crops and as wildlife habitat and homesites. The main irrigated crops are grain, grapes, hops, mint, and peas. Grasses and legumes are grown for hay, pasture, and seed.

\$101The main limitation for irrigated crops is moderate available water capacity. Furrow, corrugation, drip, and sprinkler irrigation systems are suited to the soil in this unit. The type of system used depends on the

kind of crop grown. If surface irrigation systems are used, the risk of erosion can be minimized by keeping runs short. Use of sprinkler and drip irrigation permits the even, controlled application of water, reduces runoff, and minimizes the risk of water erosion. Cultivation prior to irrigation improves the water infiltration rate; however, the fine soil particles dislodged during cultivation are highly susceptible to water erosion. This makes the initial period of irrigation extremely critical. Irrigation without alternate cultivation reduces the water infiltration rate of this soil. The water application rate should be reduced accordingly to help control runoff, erosion, and the production of sediment. To avoid loss of water and leaching of plant nutrients from overirrigation, applications of irrigation water should also be adjusted to the available water capacity and the crop needs.

\$101Use of minimum tillage and return of crop residue to the soil help to maintain or improve organic matter content, improve infiltration, and help to maintain tilth. Tillage reduces the effectiveness of crop residue in controlling dustiness. Using high residue crops in the rotation 25 percent of the time helps to maintain the organic matter content. Using vegetated filter strips at the end of rows and sediment ponds reduces the volume of sediment in tailwater.

\$101This unit is well suited to homesite development. It has few limitations. Dustiness can be a problem during construction on large building sites; therefore, these sites should be disturbed as little as possible. Cutbanks are not stable and are subject to caving in.

\$101The main limitation for septic tank absorption fields is seepage. If the density of housing is moderate to high, community sewage systems are needed to prevent contamination of water supplies as a result of seepage from onsite sewage disposal systems.

\$IOIThis map unit is in capability subclass IIIs, irrigated.

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